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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 10 and 11 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date: _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-11 are pending in this application.

Election/Restriction

2. Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, Claims 1-9 filed 2/6/2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that (1) the European Patent Office handling the PCT search did search the entire scope and expressed no difficulty searching the entire scope, (2) Claim 10 is dependent on Claim 8, rejoining Group I and Group III should not add an extra burden on the Examiner, and (3) Group I and Group II indeed share a common special technical feature. The examiner disagrees with applicants. In regard to the argument that the entire groups are examined in the European Patent Office, the argument is not found persuasive because the United States Patent and Trademark Office is *not* bound by the lack of unity determination by another International Searching Authority. MPEP 1875 states that whether or not the question of unity of invention has been raised by the International Searching Authority, it may be considered by the examiner when serving as an authorized officer of the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Thus, the Examiner is *not* bound by any previous determination made. In addition, 37 C.F.R. 1.484 indicates that the international preliminary examination is a non-binding opinion. Finally, 37 C.F.R. 1.499 states that, if the Examiner finds that a national stage application lacks unity of invention under 37 C.F.R. 1.475, the Examiner may in an Office action require the applicant in the

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response to that action to elect the invention to which the claims shall be restricted.

Thus, the determination of lack of unity is proper under the PCT treaty.

Unlike applicant's argument, the special technical feature of Groups I-II is different one from the other. The inventions listed as Groups I-II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: the special technical feature of Group I is a benzo[1,3]oxazinone ring and is different from the special technical feature of Group II. The special technical feature of Group II is other fused oxazinones e.g. K = pyrido, pyrrole, etc. and is different from the special technical feature of Group I. The isatoic anhydride moiety is a reagent that is involved in the process, but they don't define the special technical feature of Groups I-II.

The special technical feature of Group I and Group III is different one from the other. The special technical feature of Group III involves ring-opening reaction of a benzo[1,3]oxazinone ring that is not present in Group I. Note that coexamination of each of the additional groups would require search of subclasses unnecessary for the examination of the elected claims. For example, the search for the invention of Group II would include search of various subclasses in class 544 and the search for the invention of Group III would include search of classes 546 and 548, subclass various. Therefore, coexamination of each of these additional inventions would require a serious additional burden of search.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

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Claims 10-11 are withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention, the requirement having been traversed.

3. The claims are drawn to multiple inventions for reasons set forth in the restriction requirement. The claims are examined only to the extent that they read on the elected invention. Cancellation of the non-elected subject matter is recommended in response to this Office Action. It is required that applicants amend claim 1 by inserting the benzo[1,3]oxazinone moiety in place of "fused oxazinone". Applicants have also to limit the definition of J (see claim 8).

Information Disclosure Statement

4. Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement, filed on 01/30/2006 has been acknowledged. Please refer to Applicant's copies of the 1449 submitted herewith.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention:

a. In claim 1, the phrase "carboxylic acid" is indefinite. What is covered and what is not? Note that carboxylic acid is a functional group that is attached to J (J-COOH). Since applicants elected Group I, it is recommended that applicants limit the definition of J to pyrrole derivative.

b. Claim 2 and claims dependent thereon are rejected because the phrase "J is an optionally substituted carbon moiety" is indefinite. In the absence of the specific moieties intended to effectuate modification by the "substitution" or attachment to the chemical core claimed, the term "substituted" renders the claims in which it appears indefinite in all occurrences wherein applicants fails to articulate by chemical name, structural formula or sufficiently distinct functional language, the particular moieties applicants regards as those which will facilitate substitution, requisite to identifying the composition of matter claimed. See above for suggestion to overcome this rejection.

c. Regarding claim 5 (page 71, lines 12 and 30), the phrase "including" renders the claim indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention. See MPEP § 2173.05(d).

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kahsay Habte, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0667. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9.00AM- 5:30PM).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James O. Wilson can be reached at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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